

THE PUTNEY COLUMN.

The annual concert at the Congregational church will be omitted this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Glazier of Waltham, Mass., visited at Larn Crosby's Friday.

There will be a lawn party and sociable on the Methodist church grounds this evening.

F. L. Pierce's mill in Westminster, which has been closed since last fall, was started this week.

Mrs. Bert Cole of Windsor is visiting her father, L. C. Gorham. Mr. Cole was here over Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Bardwell of Boston is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Norman Cobb, Jr., of Putney Falls.

Mrs. Will Ingalls and children of Rutland, N. Y., are spending the summer at M. C. Ingalls.

Frank Buxton finished work for F. L. Pierce this week and he is now clerk in the Kendrick House.

Mrs. E. S. Munger and daughter, Maud, left Saturday to spend two weeks with relatives in Windsor and Woodstock.

John Tibbets has finished work as back tender in the W. A. Cole Paper company's mill. He is succeeded by Leavitt Roberts.

Arthur Fifield of Bradford and his sister, Miss Julia Fifield of Bellows Falls, spent Sunday at their home here, both returning Monday.

Miss Julia Crawford of Boston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Crawford, is spending a vacation of three weeks or more with her parents.

A company of Kickapoo Indians arrived in town Tuesday and they have advertised to remain 10 days. They give nightly exhibitions on Wilbur's field.

Walter Parker of Meriden, Conn., and Henry Parker of Hartford, Conn., are spending their vacations with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Parker, in East Putney.

Mrs. H. G. Frierlich, who went to Boston last week, to derent two operations in a hospital in that city. Both operations were successful, and Mrs. Everlich is recovering.

Miss Cora Johnson went to West Somerville, Mass., yesterday, to visit her aunt, Mrs. G. E. Gorton, who has been a guest of Mrs. G. H. Johnson, her sister, for a week or more.

An agent of the Hartford Steam Boiler company was in town Sunday and inspected the boilers in the mills of W. A. Cole and F. L. Pierce, pronouncing them in good condition.

New name-boards have been received at the Putney depot and they will be put up soon and the old ones removed. The word "Putney" on the new boards is in white on a blue background.

Merrill Benson and daughter of Minnesota, who have been spending several weeks at Capt. William Robertson's, started Saturday for their home. Mr. Benson is brother of Mrs. Robertson.

It is expected that a dramatic performance by local talent will be given in the town hall, probably in October. The proceeds will be applied to a worthy cause which will be announced later.

A. W. J. Wilkins and G. L. Pierce have built a reservoir on the hillside opposite Homer Taft's sugar house. An abundance of excellent water was found there, and pipes are being laid this week so that it may be conveyed to Mr. Pierce's residence and Mr. Wilkins's tenement houses.

Mrs. Eva Graves and Fritz Crawford were married by Rev. E. P. Mitchell at the Baptist parsonage Saturday evening, after which they began housekeeping in the tenement which Mrs. Graves had been occupying in Mrs. Samuel Knight's house. Mr. Crawford is employed by the Stowell manufacturing company.

Miss Mary Cobb of Putney Falls gave a celebration at her home on Thursday of last week in commemoration of her completion of 22 years of life. She entertained a good number of friends in the afternoon and evening, refreshments of ice cream and cake being served and enjoyed music being rendered.

S. O. Parker has received from his daughter, Harriet, who has charge of a hospital in Madura, South India, a piece of cloth upon which some of the natives have worked a design for the uppers of a pair of slippers. The work is admirably executed in tissue of fine threads, and under an article which Mr. Parker will prize very highly.

WILMINGTON.

Herbert Ray of Bridgeport, Conn., is visiting at F. E. Ray's.

Miss Alice Adams has returned from her trip to Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Demour are visiting in Canada. They are expected home soon.

M. L. Burr cut the hay on the Perry farm last week, getting in 29 large loads in five days.

A sister of William M. Vogel from New York is at his house and will probably remain for several months.

The "Mystery Tea" at the Universalist church last week was well attended and was interesting and enjoyable.

Search has been made in this locality for the horse and wagon stolen in Dover last week but so far no trace of the missing property has been found.

Every room at the Forest and Stream club is engaged for August and a number of applications had to be refused on account of accommodations. The club will probably build an addition another year.

An alarm of fire was sounded on Tuesday evening about 10:30. The wood work in the boiler house of the Wilmington Grain & Lumber Company was found to be on fire. It was soon extinguished. It is to be hoped the company will put on an iron roof and remove other wood from the interior of the structure so as to avoid these frequent alarms.

WINDHAM.

Miss Elva Mack is in Chester attending the summer school.

Mrs. M. D. Harris has closed her house for a week while she visits in Grafton and Cavendish.

W. L. Prince, who has been at H. M. Abbott's for the past week, returned to New York city Thursday.

The Christian Endeavor society held a musical social at the vestry Saturday evening. A good number attended and a pleasant evening is reported.

Miss S. N. Brooks, for 15 years a teacher in Cleveland, Ohio, Everett Gunyon of Cambridge, Mass., and Mrs. Addie Leonard of Arlington, Mass., are at Mrs. Sumner Rhodes's for the summer.

BRATTLEBORO.

Caught 19 Bass Weighing 60 Pounds.

Jamaica boys carried off a fine string of bass from the pond last Friday—19 fish weighing 60 pounds.

Two young men from Brattleboro are camping at Grout pond.

Mr. Mulrooney is improving as fast as can be expected from her attack of erysipelas.

A. P. Williams's people, who went to Rawsonville to do their buying, have returned and are getting out soybean stalks.

Mrs. Walter Temple from Massachusetts is at the home of her husband's father, J. B. Temple, for several weeks.

NORTHFIELD, MASS.

The kindergarten opened on Monday with 18 pupils, with more to come.

Mrs. H. P. Grant of Atlanta, Georgia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. R. Pomeroy.

The will of Andrew Hale has been filed. It gives his property, both personal and real, unconditionally to his wife, to be disposed of as she pleases. Mrs. Hale is sole executrix.

H. B. Travis recently received a telegram announcing the death of his mother in New York city. She has lived for several years in this town with her son, but recently went to New York to visit. She was taken sick and died after an illness of only a few hours.

On Sunday evening four young people from Turners Falls with one horse and a surry drove to the Stebbins ferry for the purpose of crossing. The boat being full they were requested to wait at the top of the hill, but instead, after the boat had left, the surry, the driver, and the horse, went up to the neck. The boat was backed, the horse's head tied to the boat, while people on the bank rescued those in the water from what seemed almost certain drowning, had not help been instant. It is hoped the foolish, careless driver learned a lesson.

WEST CHESTERFIELD, N. H.

Charles Winn has been spending a week or more in Worcester, Mass., returning on Saturday.

Mrs. C. C. Freeland of Westfield, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. G. Smith, for a few days.

Winfield Farr and Perley Richardson have been some of the last victims to battle with the measles.

There have been 20 or more cases of measles within the past two weeks and new cases are appearing.

O. R. Farr has been loading one or more cars with lumber at Dunsmuir station this week from his mill here.

Mrs. Beattie Chickering of Walpole was in attendance at our regular meeting of the grange, last Saturday evening.

Myron Davis has been spending the week at home on account of the severe illness of his mother, Mrs. Harriet Davis.

Cheshire County Pomona grange will hold their annual field day meeting on the grounds at Silverdale Saturday, Aug. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Colburn are now rejoining over the young soldier who was ordered to board early last Monday morning.

A. A. Byard has rented one room in his shop to a harness maker and repairer, who will spend one or more days in each week, beginning Wednesday, July 26. He is from West Brattleboro, L. H. Knapp.

We learn that no one responded to the call for a meeting to be held at the town hall last week Thursday evening for the purpose of organizing an Old Home Week association. We think that public-spirited men of this town are fast losing their interest in all worldly things.

MASSACHUSETTS NOTES.

Greenfield Man at Head of Automobile Company.

The Oakman Motor Vehicle company has been organized under the laws of Delaware. It has a capital of \$50,000, divided into 100,000 shares of a par value of \$50 each, and it will acquire and own all patents pertaining to what is known as the "Hertel" motor, together with all the rights, property and good will of the Oakman Motor Vehicle company of Greenfield. It is proposed to equip a large par value of \$50 each, and it will acquire and own all patents pertaining to what is known as the "Hertel" motor, together with all the rights, property and good will of the Oakman Motor Vehicle company of Greenfield. It is proposed to equip a large par value of \$50 each, and it will acquire and own all patents pertaining to what is known as the "Hertel" motor, together with all the rights, property and good will of the Oakman Motor Vehicle company of Greenfield.

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WILLIAMSVILLE.

A Traveling Patriarch.

A man, who said he was 103 years old—and he looked to be every day of it—walked up past Williamsville station last week on his way overland to Rutland to visit his niece. He seemed quite active and intelligent and volunteered the information that he could see to read fine print without spectacles. At this stage of the conversation our informant was called to other duties and the old gentleman passed on. The letter has been kicking himself all the week because he was not present to secure from the aged man an interview for The Phoenix.

In these progressive times when the light for temperance is met by the theory of certain scientific men that alcohol is a good food product and brain producer, and when tobacco and strong tea and coffee are so often held up as injurious and shortening to life, and still so generally persisted in, it would indeed be a boon to humanity to have a man who has lived in two centuries and can almost look over into the third tell us whether he has attained his great age as a prater, or of abstainer from these various narcotics.

And then how pleasant it would be for President McKinley and a few others with him who are responsible for this whole Philippine business to be informed by a person who was right on the ground at the time whether it is indeed true, as history relates, that Louisiana was ceded to the United States by France sovereignty and all, under a De-nocratic administration in 1804, and whether we acquired a large slice of Mexico by conquest, without the consent of the governed, under a later Democratic administration. We strongly hope that the old gentleman in his tramp up the state will yet run across some newspaper man who will give the world his testimony on these questions of vital hygiene and political importance.

[Our correspondent evidently refers to one Stiles McMillen, who seems to be a professional Ananias. He has been interviewed many times and usually says his home is in St. Albans. The St. Albans Messenger has exposed the patriarch's stories repeatedly.]

Death at Lynn, Mass., of Mrs. Jennie E. Jones.

The funeral of Mrs. Jennie E. Jones, who died at Lynn, Mass., last Friday, was held at the Methodist church. Tuesday afternoon, Rev. A. A. Estabrook officiating. The burial was in the new cemetery at Newfane village. Mrs. Jones was born in Newfane in January, 1845, one of the 19 children of Emory and Rhoda Jackson. Of this family there are now living Mrs. L. N. Thoburn, formerly of Brattleboro, Henry Hall of Wyoming, Chaucery and John Jackson of Michigan, Jacksons of Vernon and Mrs. John D. Pierce of Newfane. Mrs. Jones was first married to Rufus C. Thorn of Newfane in 1865. He died in 1879. They had five children, of whom four, Wilson H. and Charles A. Lynn, Mass., Ida N. wife of Percy L. Jones of Benning, Col., and Mary J. wife of Clarence D. Lazzelle of Williamsville, are now living. In 1881 she was again married to Laban Jones of Dover, who died in 1885, since which time she has lived at Dover, with her daughter, Mrs. Lazzelle, at Williamsville, and for several years with her sons at Lynn. For some time Mrs. Jones has been in poor health, paralysis being the cause of her death. She was a member of the Methodist church at this place, and afterward at Lynn.

Special Town Meeting August 1.

It has long been the practice of Newfane to borrow the amount necessary to pay the current expenses of the town and hold a town meeting in December to raise money, at which time a reliable estimate for the year could be made. Some of our voters, believing it policy to raise the money in advance and thus adopt the cash system, recently signed a petition to the selectmen, in response to which a town meeting has been called to meet at village hall, Williamsville, next Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of raising money to pay the expenses of the year, also to see if any portion of the railroad debt shall be paid. At our annual town meeting it was voted to adopt the system of collecting taxes through the town treasurer.

Mrs. A. M. Merrifield and children spent last week at Sunset Lake.

The steam mill was shut down last week for repairs, but is now running.

Several teachers from this place are attending the summer school at Chester.

Clayton Wolcott of Greenfield, Mass., was a recent visitor at Gilbert B. Lamb's.

Miss Josephine Henley of West Somerville, Mass., is visiting at George B. Williams's.

Albert Howard, wife and daughter of Jamaica were recent visitors at F. J. Pierce's.

W. H. Newton and wife of Wallingford, Conn., are this week visitors at D. D. Dickinson's.

Mrs. Luther Plummer of Brattleboro is quite ill at C. K. Stedman's, where she came last week on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton W. Sparks of Springfield, Mass., are visiting at W. H. Frost's and S. W. Sparks's.

Miss Anna Keith of Bridgewater, Mass., a teacher in the Boston public schools, is visiting Miss Florence Morse.

Miss Nellie Dickinson left Wednesday for Boston, where she expects to spend some time in the family of Duane White.

W. H. Frost went out a little while Wednesday evening and caught in a nearby stream, three trout that weighed 3 pounds and 1-2 ounces.

Mrs. Gilbert B. Lamb returned from her New York state trip Saturday, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. E. A. Barber of Keene, who will spend a few weeks in Williamsville.

W. S. Benson, a Boston letter carrier, and his wife and daughter are visiting their cousin, Miss Minnie Moore. They are now enjoying for a few days the charms of cottage life at Sunset Lake.

Mrs. Jane Spence and her niece, Miss Cora Lloyd, both of Urban, N. H., are visiting at Nathan Perry's and C. E. Perry's.

Mrs. Spence was formerly Miss Jane Perry, a native of Newfane and a daughter of Pardon T. Perry.

Charles B. Holland has sold to Cullen M. Lamson a valuable wood lot on the Newfane Hill road. This lot was decided to be a valuable one, and was sold for \$10,000, a few months less than 100 years ago by Luk Knowlton, and has been owned by the Stone and Holland families till this date.

The 90th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Polly M. Stratton was the occasion of a visit from her children and grandchildren at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Merrifield, last Saturday. Mrs. Stratton is quite